

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1012 - SB 1444

March 3, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the State Board of Education to adopt policies mandating training in the warning signs of early-onset mental illness in children and adolescents for any licensed teacher to renew his/her license.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$50,000 Recurring
Exceeds \$150,000 One-Time

Assumptions:

- This estimate assumes that once an individual teacher receives such training, the training will not be required for future renewals.
- Training would be a web-based, trackable, online training furnished by the Department of Education.
- Training could count toward the 90 CEU's required for the renewal of a professional license with the requisite experience; training would be an additional requirement for those teachers with a Master's degree and the requisite experience; pre-service training in the subject could satisfy this requirement verified by a transcript.
- Training done by a method other than that offered by the department could be verified by a certificate of completion.
- This would impact 300,000 individuals who hold a teacher's license, not just those currently employed by a school system.
- An increase in state expenditures in an amount exceeding \$150,000 would be required to develop the web-based, online learning module and \$50,000 annually would be required to maintain the system.
- License renewal is the responsibility of the individual and not the LEA; consequently, compliance with this requirement is with the license holder.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director